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To:
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

**Letter of Protest
In Docket 2012-177-WS**

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Dear Commission Members:

My wife and I have resided in Tega Cay for ten years and have been customers of Tega Cay Water Service during that period.

As a captive customer of this monopoly, we have paid exceedingly high water/sewer rates, including an enormous 18% increase only two years ago. Until now, never had we had water/sewer rates in any of the eight states in which we have resided, approach and even exceed our electricity bill!

In our system of governmental checks and balances, the public is supposed to be protected against potential abuses of monopolies by commissions empowered for this purpose. Please be responsive to the cries by the people in this case and grant no rate increase to TCWS.

I will be happy to appear before you at any meeting in Tega Cay and give sworn testimony regarding this issue.


Ted E. Lafleur

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